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Dear Harold,

Thank you so much for taking the time and trouble out of your staggeringly busy schedule to think of me and to send me your welcome enclosures.

At this time I am not going to go into the subject of Mark Lane re his present rôle in the Garrison investigation. I cannot help but feel that you have a legitimate reason for feeling that both your research and your grasp of the New Orleans phase of the case not only pre-dated Lane's but were certainly more extensive and knowledgeable. There is no question in my mind that the work you have done on the case, in every facet, is of the highest calibre and deserves the richest possible praise and recognition and one day this nation may well be made aware of its debt to you. I do not want to be in the position of choosing sides for, while I am in complete sympathy with your feelings, there are too few of us in this tight circle for any of us to engage in intramural bickering, no matter how legitimate the reasons may be. The real fight is just now beginning to take shape because of the Garrison involvement and we need all the unanimity of purpose and strength we can muster in order to stand our ground against what seems to me the inevitable power thrusts against us which are ahead. Before going on to specific questions I do want to say that I am one of your greatest champions (for what that may be worth) and that I feel enormously grateful to you not only for the immeasurable public contribution you have made but for the very unselfish private assistance you have offered me.

And now to answer a couple of your queries, 117 Camp, I believe, is at the Trade Mart, but I'm not certain at all; could 1032 Canal be Bringuier's store? Philip Geraci says he went into a store on Canal Street. I haven't checked this out in any sort of thorough way so I don't really know. As for your question about Liebler, as far as I know, he has been silent but I have heard rumors that he plans to run for Congress -- are you ready for that?? Incidentally, Curtis LeMay is rumored to be running for the Senate. It makes one so proud of one's home state

that I wonder how soon I can get the hell out of here. If Penn's dire predictions, of what may result for people like us from the Garrison exposures, are at all valid (and they well may be) I won't have to look up schedules, I'll be told to leave. Word from Thayer Waldo in Mexico a few days ago implies that the ubiquitous Mr. Schiller may be an agent of one sort or another which comes as no surprise to me, if true, and I suspect it is, for I have harbored that suspicion from the very beginning. Lifton has a copy of their "book" and I understand that they have done a pretty thorough job of dragging us through the mire from which they sprang. Although I have not seen it personally because I don't intend to shell out any of my shekels to further fatten the swine, imagine how poverty-stricken they are when they are obliged to use unknown and unimportant me as a "lure". Lifton says that on one of the covers of the book is a provocative statement, "THE TRUTH ABOUT MAGGIE FIELDS." As for what Hal Verb had to say about discovering "a new proof of an Oswald-government connection on a radio program," it must be Sylvia's discovery for I know nothing about it. I'm delighted that you have a reliable source in New Orleans. You deserve that for your work in that field. But how horrifying to think that he was nearly killed and is in the hospital. I hope Garrison can not only protect him but himself as well, I can imagine that the New Orleans book must be a real challenge but, knowing you, it will be extremely valuable. I am returning your archives notations on the Rankin-Griffin exchanges of March 12, 1964. Very interesting, indeed, and certainly do bear out my suspicions on the 1026 North Beckley business. Incidentally, Harold, may I use the "memorandum" you sent me from the archives in my published work and if so how shall it be designated? I see no references for it. Bill has astounded us all with the rapidity and facility of his recovery. He went home yesterday and he's already walked on his own steam. There is a great deal to be thankful for in that happy knowledge.

I have finished my book, for all intents and purposes, having mailed the last segments of it to the publisher on Thursday last, but, as you know, there is really no end to this case and I find myself adding more information every day. I hope I don't reach 26 volumes. I guess I've covered about everything I know for the moment. Next weekend husband, daughter and I go to San Francisco for the Spring Mobilization to end the war and later on I'll have to go to New York again. Do keep well and try not to overburden yourself anymore than is absolutely essential. There are too few of us for any one of us to spread himself so thin.

Warm regards, Maggie